

Giant Hood Construction

Supplies

4' x 8' Black Coroplast	Exacto knife
Contact cement	Yard stick
White china marker	Cheap throw away brushes for the glue

General instructions – Marking the coroplast can be difficult. If you can't find a white china marker, you can try a white colored pencil. When gluing the sides together, cover both sides to be glued together completely and allow to dry first.

1. SIDES – Fold down J then F, glue.
2. BACK – Fold in this order, B, A, C, E, D, glue This order gives a smooth surface inside and out.
3. FRONT – Fold door cut-out first. Glue K, L next. Glue door last.
4. VENTILATION HOLES – Come down from top edge 1" and in from side 1" Cut 4 slits 1 ½" high and ¼" wide. Each slit is 3 grooves wide and 4 grooves apart. Don't make these too large. You want as little light to get in as possible, yet still allow for ventilation.
5. DOOR – For extra strength, duct tape the door hinge.
6. Using a good soft nylon or dacron rope, attach two pieces for the handles. Poke a hole in the back and front and insert the rope. Tie a knot on the inside at each end. A washer can be slipped on the rope so the knot does not come through the hole. Don't make them too long. When you carry the box, you need to carry it easily without it hitting the ground.
7. Use velcro to close the door. Cut two pieces about 7" long. Separate the hook side from the loop side. Cut the loop side in half. Glue one on the door at the top and the other on the side so it lines up with the one on the door. Keeping the hook strip whole, simply attach it to both side and door. Repeat on the bottom of the door as well.
8. Cut a scrap piece of 2 x 4 for the perch. This is screwed from the outside. You can use washers here for extra security. Cover the 2 x 4 with whatever material you choose. I like the long "grass" you get from a door mat.
9. Allow the Giant Hood to cure and air out for several days before you use it.
10. Simply place some newspapers on the bottom and your ready to go.

